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EX-KAISER IS A COWARD, OR HE'D REGAIN HIS THRONE, SAYS MAXIMILIAN HARDEN

German Editor Frankly Discusses Conditions in His Country—Says Present Government Cannot Last; Ebert's Election a Mistake.

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BERLIN, March 18 (By Courier to Paris).—Maximilian Harden, editor of *Zukunft* and Germany's most outspoken citizen, told the United Press to-day that—

The present Government should be, and will be, overthrown.

The German people are crazy.

The Kaiser, if he were not a coward, would return to Germany and regain the throne.

Success of the League of Nations and world peace depends upon close and friendly relations between Germany, Great Britain and America.

Harden, who just recovered from several weeks' illness, discussed conditions in Germany freely and frankly. He is now in bad repute with all classes; with the old regime because he continually fought them during the war, and with the revolutionaries because Germany has not benefited so far by following President Wilson, as he advocated.

"I am flooded with letters from people asking me why I told them to follow Wilson and why Germany is still starved by the blockade," said Harden. "I don't understand the latter, but my faith in Wilson is undiminished. I realize the tremendous opposition and difficulties he has to surmount. I am confident he will prevail. But it is hard to satisfy people who are hungry, or others who are using the situation against Wilson and us liberals.

"Germany's new republican Government isn't anything to be proud of. It is entirely too much like the old regime. But for the time being it ought to be recognized and dealt with liberally by the Entente to prevent Germany from falling into the hands of the Bolsheviks.

EBERT'S ELECTION "SAD MISTAKE."

"The present Government thinks it must build bridges from the old to the new regime, instead of making the transition clean cut. The Government can be compared to Gen. Ludendorff's position last July, when the German Armies were at the height of their victory. I pointed out then that defeat was inevitable, but they couldn't see it. So it is with the present Government. It is at the height of its powers, but it refuses to recognize the great movement toward radicalism or liberalism. It refuses to cleanse itself or see what is coming.

"The Government must be overthrown in favor of one that is honest, above board and trustworthy. It is pathetic that no one was elected to the National Assembly who possesses both ability and the confidence of the people. There are brains in Germany, if they are only given a chance.

"Election of Ebert, the sadder, for the first President was a sad mistake. Why should Germany have to make such a mediocre start as a republic? He is undoubtedly honest, but so ordinary. I am told he wears a flashy pearl stickpin and is becoming a professional politician. Nor is Scheidemann a man who is able to get a good peace. Politics prevails when common sense should. The Government doesn't realize the difficulties of the peace problem or Germany's position."

Harden is heartily disgusted with the methods the German Foreign Office has been practicing since the armistice was signed. He condemns the Foreign Office officials strongly, as he condemned the war and Germany's war policies. He wants to see Germany deal squarely with the Entente, sending delegates to Paris who can be trusted to make a clean breast of Germany's guilt and establish a basis upon which Germany can begin anew. Harden's friends urged the Foreign Office to send him to the Peace Conference, to confer with President Wilson personally if possible, to admit Germany's mistakes, and to clarify her present position. Harden agreed to go, but the Foreign Office refused to consider the proposal, despite the fact that he is one of the few Germans who are not compromised in foreign eyes.

"FOUGHT WAR IN GUILTY WAY."

"We were to blame for the war for many reasons," Harden continued. "I've consistently said that, not only about the beginning of the war, but about our conduct of it throughout. Germany's navy was a direct danger to England at a time when we were getting rich by her free trade policy. The English colonies had as many modern German goods as those made in England. Germany started the war, as I pointed out in November in the *Zukunft*. We fought in a guilty way, and by means of propaganda made our people believe they were justified in the defense of their fatherland. The German people were honest in their belief.

"The militarists claimed steadily that we were right and would win. I pointed out we were wrong—the fact that four-fifths of the world was against us was a sure sign we were wrong—and that we would be de-

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GIRL, 17, CONVICTED FOR KILLING CHILD WITH AUTOMOBILE

Miss Olga Diab Found Guilty of Speeding Away After Fatal Brooklyn Accident.

Olga K. Diab, No. 273 Hicks Street, Brooklyn, a pretty Syrian girl of seventeen years, was convicted by a jury in the Brooklyn County Court to-day on a charge of violating the Vehicle Law, in connection with an accident which caused the death of ten-year-old Jennie Stabile, No. 354 Second Avenue, Brooklyn.

The Stabile child was killed by Miss Diab's automobile on October 25 last when she was crossing the street in front of her home. The charge against Miss Diab was that after the accident, instead of stopping and attending the child, she sped away. "I did slow down," Olga testified in her own behalf. "But a crowd of people began to gather and they looked so angry and threatening that I was nervous and drove away. I was sure, of course, that the child would be cared for."

Olga was arrested and taken before the Grand Jury on a charge of homicide, but that was dropped and the charge of violating the vehicle ordinance was substituted. Under this law the maximum penalty is two years' imprisonment. Miss Diab will appear for sentence Monday. Meanwhile she is free on her original bail of \$2,000.

She is the daughter of A. G. Diab, merchant and editor of a Syrian paper. County Judge Dike said he considered her coolness on the witness stand remarkable.

470,736 MEN OF A. E. F. HAVE SAILED FOR HOME

Represents 24 Per Cent. of Pershing's Forces When the Armistice Was Signed.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—Figures made public by the War Department to-day showed that 470,736 officers and men of the American Expeditionary Forces had sailed for home up to March 13. That number represented 24 per cent. of the strength of Gen. Pershing's forces on Nov. 11 and left 1,478,580 in France.

Of the total returned home or on the way 176,518 were casualties, including sick and wounded. Out of 687,074 infantry in France in November, only 59,494 had been returned, while the field artillery figures showed 73,058 sent home out of 213,846.

The strength of the American Army on March 15 was 2,268,537, a decrease of 1,402,561 since the signing of the armistice. The War Department announced that 1,508,133 officers and men, exclusive of 24,000 marines, were in Europe—France, Germany, Russia. In the United States there were 640,013 and at sea 64,203. The force in Siberia numbered 8,970, with 47,218 in the insular possessions.

\$3,000,000,000, ITALY'S CLAIM AGAINST AUSTRIA

Asks That One Billion Be Paid in Cash and the Balance in Five Years.

ROME, March 17.—Italy will demand an indemnity of \$3,000,000,000 from Austria-Hungary. It was reported semi-officially to-day.

One billion of this will be asked in cash, the remainder to be paid in five years through iron shipments.

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LEAD PIPE IN WILKINS HOME LIKE ONE USED IN MURDER; DOCTOR MAY BE SUICIDE

Search for Physician, Accused of Killing Wife, Extends All Over the East.

William J. Burns, head of the Burns Detective Agency, made the positive statement late this afternoon that Dr. Walter Wilkins of West 65th Street, for whom a warrant was issued yesterday charging him with the murder of Mr. Wilkins on Feb. 27, at Long Beach, L. I., is in Brooklyn.

Burns named an attorney. "Go to his office," said the detective, designating the street and the floor, "and ask for the address of the young German who attended Mrs. Wilkins' funeral. When you get that address go there and you will find Dr. Wilkins."

Reporters who heard Burns make this statement expect that Dr. Wilkins will be arrested before night. When hour followed hour to-day with no news of the whereabouts of Dr. Wilkins, District Attorney Charles R. Weeks of Nassau County began to fear that the physician may be dead. "The disappearance of Dr. Wilkins," the District Attorney said this afternoon, "would appear to be a lengthening of the chain of evidence. If he is alive I am confident we shall get him. He had little money with him. We are watching his banks."

The District Attorney spoke the words "if he is alive" so gravely that reporters were moved to ask him, for the second time to-day, if he thinks the physician may be dead.

"It is very likely," replied the District Attorney, "that the doctor may have killed himself."

District Attorney Weeks will go before the Grand Jury to-morrow at Mineola to ask for Dr. Wilkins' indictment. Twenty witnesses, including Long Beach policemen, detectives and neighbors of the Wilkinses, have been summoned by subpoena.

Justice E. T. Neu of Lynbrook opened a Coroner's inquiry into the Wilkins case to-day and when only five or six witnesses had been examined announced that it was indefinitely postponed.

Several more or less sensational discoveries were attributed to-day to detectives at work on the case. A piece of lead pipe, found in the rooming house of Dr. Wilkins at No. 161 West 65th Street, was said to resemble a lead pipe picked up at the Wilkins place at Long Beach on Feb. 27, the night of the murder.

With the pipe found to-day there were pieces torn from a copy of the *New Era*, a Lynbrook newspaper. Part of a copy of the *New Era* was wrapped about a hammer found on the night of the murder beside the body of Mrs. Wilkins.

A blood-marked dollar bill found under a dog's mattress, and a string with sixteen strands, resembling that wrapped about the hammer, were found to-day in the house at Long Beach. Both lead pipe and hammer have figured in the murder stories from the beginning.

Max Mayer, a glove manufacturer in Fifth Avenue, Manhattan, whose home at No. 122 Olive Street, Long Beach, was the scene of the murder.

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LONG BEACH DOCTOR WHO IS BEING SOUGHT AS SLAYER OF WIFE



DR. WALTER WILKINS

HERE is the official description of Dr. Walter K. Wilkins, for whom a warrant, charging him with the murder of his wife, has been issued:

Age, sixty-four; height, 5 feet 8 inches; gray hair, gray mustache, gray mutton chop side whiskers, almost white; full face, florid complexion, bald head; weighs about 190 pounds, but appears heavier; stands erect, but has halting walk; wrists noticeably large, hands powerful, shoulders square and well built; eyes steel blue and wears glasses when reading; talks rather loudly in ordinary conversation and has not a deep voice; uses good language and speaks deliberately.

DAY OF THE 27TH'S PARADE DECLARED A CITY HOLIDAY

Alldermen Adopt Resolution Closing Departments and Ask All Citizens to Join in Welcome.

The Board of Aldermen to-day declared next Tuesday, the day of the 27th Division parade, as an official holiday. The Board adopted the following resolution:

"Resolved, That Tuesday, March 19, 1919, the day of review, and upon which will be shown deserved honor and appreciation to the officers and men of the 27th Division of the American Expeditionary Forces, be and the said day hereby is declared as an official holiday, and the people of the city are invited to join in the official program of 'welcome home' to those returned in triumph from the great world war."

Resolved further, That the heads of the several departments of the Government of the City of New York be and they are hereby requested to grant to all employees, including those on a per diem scale, under their jurisdiction.

Big Coal Price Increase. WASHINGTON, March 18.—In consequence of \$2 to \$4 per cent. in coal prices, 1914 were reported to-day in the March issue of the Labor Review of the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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BREWERS PREPARE TO RESUME MAKING BEER WITHIN WEEK

New York Companies Decide to Follow Opinion of Counsel on 2.75 Per Cent. Drink.

New York brewers, who have announced their intention to test the validity of the Government ruling fixing the alcoholic content of beer at one-half of one per cent., expect to begin the brewing of 2.75 per cent. beer within a week or ten days, according to an announcement made to-day by counsel for the United States Brewers' Association and individual brewers in this city.

All that the brewers are waiting on now, it was announced, are new stocks of malt. Most of the companies have kept their organizations intact and will need only to fire their boilers to be ready again for business.

None would say whether he expects interference from the Government. That, nearly all pointed out, has been left to their counsel, headed by Elmer Root and William Guthrie, who have given an opinion that the brewers have as much right to decide what percentage of alcohol makes beer intoxicating as the Internal Revenue Department.

This will be the point upon which possible suits in the courts will be based, counsel for the brewers holding that Daniel C. Roper, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, had no legal authority to fix one-half of one per cent. as the amount of alcohol beer should contain.

The Brewers' Association as a body announced this afternoon that it will not advise its members to manufacture beer, but that it has sent to them the opinion of Messrs. Root and Guthrie that they might do so legally.

Some of the manufacturers stated that they will not resume operations immediately.

One of them is the Lion Brewery. Hugh A. Murray, its President, stated that it has enough stock on hand to supply its trade for several months and will not replenish it immediately.

Col. Jacob Ruppert and George Ehret, heads of two of the largest breweries in the city, announced they will resume operations at once.

Brewers in other sections of the country announced to-day that they will follow the lead of New York brewers and resume the manufacture of 2.75 per cent. beer immediately. The Anheuser-Busch Brewing Association in St. Louis was one of these, while the Connecticut Brewers' Association announced that all its members in that State would follow New York's lead.

The Everard, Doelger and Trommer breweries stated that they have come to no decision yet regarding the manufacture of beer, but would await action by their boards of directors.

Should the brewers win their point, there is not only nothing in the Emergency Agricultural Appropriation Bill to stop them from making and selling 2.75 per cent. beer, but they may also continue the business after the Prohibition Amendment to the Constitution goes into effect. The amendment is directed against intoxicating beverages, and the issue hinges on a ruling as to what an intoxicating beverage is.

William K. Olcott, counsel for the defense, in the test suit brought last week by Joseph E. Everard, a minority stockholder in the James Everard Brewery, to restrain the brewery from discontinuing its activities May 1, as required by the Prohibition clause, to-day told United States Attorney Caffery that his co-operation in the defense "would be welcomed." The invitation, it was stated, will be re-

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COUNCIL MAKES PROGRESS IN DRAFTING PEACE TREATY; BRITAIN YIELDS ON CABLES

Decision Is Reached That Forts on Helgoland Shall Be Dismantled—Sub-Committee on League of Nations Meets Two Days Ahead of Schedule.

PARIS, March 18.—The Supreme Allied War Council decided to-day that the fortifications on the Island of Helgoland, Germany's formidable base in the North Sea, must be dismantled.

It was decided also that the Kiel Canal should be internationalized and made available to the ships of all nations on even terms.

Tolls will be collected to pay for the maintenance of the canal. Germany probably will retain sovereignty of the waterway. The Council has under consideration the question of maintaining Helgoland as a port of refuge for peaceful craft.

The British delegation to the Peace Conference consented to refer to the Supreme Council the question of the future ownership of German cables to America. All parties interested in the question are preparing briefs.

[England seized the German cables and is still controlling them.]

Disposition of German warships is not likely to be included in the treaty of peace, according to the view of the American peace delegation. Germany will be required to surrender title to the ships. The ultimate ownership will be determined later.

A plea that neutral countries should have a larger share in the organization and direction of the League of Nations than is now proposed was made to a sub-committee of the Peace Conference Commission of the League of Nations to-day by the envoys of Holland, Switzerland, Denmark, Norway and Sweden. Otherwise, the representative said, they were generally satisfied with the plan.

The sub-committee of the League of Nations Commission met to-day, two days ahead of schedule. All neutral countries, with the exception of Spain, were represented.

LEAGUE COVENANT TO BE COMPLETED BY NEXT SATURDAY

Full Treaty of Peace Likely to Be Ready for Presentation a Week Later.

PARIS, March 18 (United Press).—The League of Nations covenant, as it is to be submitted for inclusion in the preliminary peace treaty with Germany, will be ready Saturday, it was indicated in certain official circles to-day.

At the same time it was stated that the entire treaty, including the covenant, will be completed by a week from Saturday.

In view of varying reports as to whether the covenant would be a part of the preliminary treaty, it was pointed out that its inclusion is further indicated by the speed with which the constitution is perfected. Some reports have dwelt especially on the allegations that an attempt to incorporate the league in the pact will slow up the general peace work. This argument is met by the statement that the covenant is now further advanced than any other feature of the treaty. The Committee on Responsibility for the War has

WILSON MAY RETURN BY MIDDLE OF APRIL, WHITE HOUSE REPORT

Statement Based on Rumor That the Peace Treaty Will Be Completed Next Week.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—WHITE HOUSE officials said to-day if reports from Paris that the Peace treaty might be completed next week proved accurate, President Wilson might return home by the middle of April.

No information regarding the probable date of approval of a treaty has been received at the White House.

INQUIRY PLANNED INTO NAMING OF B. R. T. RECEIVER

Assembly Resolution Also Provides for an Investigation of Financial Condition Causes.

(Special to The Evening World.) ALBANY, March 18.—Senators Boyd and Black introduced a resolution to-day providing for a legislative investigation of the "grounds upon which the receiver of the B. R. T. was appointed."

The resolution also provides that an inquiry be made of the "financial activities" of the B. R. T. "and the causes of which brought about the financial condition which made such a proceeding necessary."

The aim is to make the investigation a Senate and Assembly one. The resolution will not doubt be defeated by the Republican majority.

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